

PEABODY LICENSING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 24, 2022

On July 16, 2022, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations, which extends the expiration of the provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting law to March 31, 2023. This extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location and to provide adequate alternative access to remote meetings. As such, this October 24, 2022 meeting of the Peabody Licensing Board was commenced at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Webinar and was conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

The Clerk/Recording Secretary was responsible for moderating the meeting via Zoom webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Fred Murtagh.

Present via Zoom Webinar were: Chairman Fred Murtagh; Board Members Barry Sinewitz and Jim Liacos and Clerk/Recording Secretary Darryl Ann McCarthy.

One-Day Liquor License Requests

1. Erin McCabe of North Shore Bartending Service appeared for a one-day special liquor license for an event at Bishop Fenwick High Scholl on Friday, October 28, 2022. The expect to have 30 guests in their new foyer area.

MOTION: made by Barry Sinewitz to approve the one-day license request of North Shore Bartending Service for Friday, October 28, said motion was seconded by Jim Liacos and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

2. Jenn Costa appeared for a one-day license for a fundraiser event being held at Covenant Christian Academy on Saturday, November 19, 2022.

MOTION: made by Jim Liacos to approve the one-day license request for Covenant Christian Academy on Saturday, November 19, 2022; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

3. Costa Partaledis appeared via Zoom for a one-day liquor license request for St. Val's annual church festival on Friday, November 4 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

MOTION: made by Jim Liacos to approve the one-day license request for St. Vasilios Church on Friday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

4. Rosa Neto from Oh Jolie Catering appeared for a special one-day license request for Peabody Democratic Committee event being held at the Black Box Theatre on Thursday, November 3, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It is a 3-hour event and they plan to serve beer and wine.

MOTION: made by Jim Liacos to approve the one-day license request for Oh Jolie Catering for an event at the Black Box Theatre on Thursday, November 3, 2022, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 6:38 p.m., the public hearing was commenced on the Application of Copa Cabana Steakhouse, Inc. for a new §12 All Alcoholic Restaurant License at 150 Main Street, Unit 3, Peabody. The Clerk/Secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record, a copy of which is enclosed.

Appearing via Zoom webinar were Lisa Figueroa and Idanis Duran, the owners of the restaurant and the proposed manager. Lisa Figueroa will be the manager of record. They are planning to have a buffet type restaurant experience and hope to expand the menu with options for families. They are renovating and trying to bring more Spanish people to the area.

Barry Sinewitz had a couple questions/comments. He addressed Idanis Duran as the owner and manager of Tipico Express on Walnut Street about the prior incident that occurred at that restaurant. Barry wanted Idanis and Lisa to be aware that the incident at that location was of serious concern to the Licensing Board and Peabody Police Department.

Barry asked for some clarification about the management style and the experience each of them have for managing a bar. Lisa replied that she worked for 5 years as a bartender in Lynn. She also has experience working in restaurants. Barry asked if there will be bar service. They will have a separate bar area but will be more focused on eating than drinking. They have 35 seats at the bar and seating for 50 at tables. Total seating is 85. Their hours of operation will be 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the week and 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the weekends. They are hoping for an all-alcohol restaurant license.

The Licensing Board members reviewed the application and had no further questions.

MOTION: all papers being in good order, Barry Sinewitz made to approve the application of Copa Cabana Steakhouse, Inc. for a new §12 All Alcoholic Restaurant License at 150 Main Street, Unit 3, Peabody and to approve Lisa Figueroa as the manager of record; said motion was seconded by Jim Liacos.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Barry Sinewitz:	Yes
	Jim Liacos	Yes
	Fred Murtagh	Yes

Whereby the Board directed the clerk/secretary to prepare and submit the LLA Certification to the ABCC for final approval.

The Licensing Board members reviewed the application and had no further questions.

At 6:45 p.m., the public hearing was commenced on the Application for a Transfer of from Taiji, Inc. d/b/a Tokyo Japanese Steak House to Kichi, Inc. d/b/a Tokyo Steakhouse at 300 Andover Street, Peabody . The Clerk/Secretary read the notice of public hearing into the record, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Appearing via Zoom webinar were Attorney Russell Chin who represents the applicant, Fan Lam, the owner and proposed manager of Kichi, Inc. Attorney Russell advised that Mr. Lam has worked for many years as a chef at this location and has worked for the current owner, who is retiring. Mr. Lam will continue with the existing business and as such is applying for a transfer of the all alcoholic restaurant license.

The Licensing Board reviewed the application and supporting documentation.

Barry Sinewitz asked about the pledge of the license? Attorney Chin advised that it is a pledge of the license for one year from owner to owner.

He also asked about Mr. Lam’s experience. Attorney Chin advised that he has been working at Tokyo Steak house as a chef since 2012 and has some experiencing working behind the bar. He has received his Tips certification and the timing required to run a liquor license establishment.

Jim Liacos asked about any changes being made to the to the premises. They do not have significant changes. Maybe some improvements to the menu but no significant changes will be made at all.

MOTION: all papers being in good order, Jim Liacos made a motion to approve Application for a Transfer of All Alcoholic Restaurant License No. 0019-RS-0956 from Taiji, LLC d/b/a Tokyo Japanese Steak House to Kichi, Inc. d/b/a Tokyo Steak House located at 300 Andover Street, Suite 9, Peabody Massachusetts and to approve Fan Lam as the manager of record; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Barry Sinewitz:	Yes
	Jim Liacos	Yes
	Fred Murtagh	Yes

Whereby the Board directed the clerk/secretary to prepare and submit the LLA Certification to the ABCC for final approval.

At 6:50 p.m., the public hearing was commenced on the Amendment Application for change of manage at Nordstrom Café Bistro at the Northshore Mall. The Clerk/Secretary read the notice of public hearing into the record, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Appearing via Zoom webinar with respect to the application was the new proposed manager, Olga DiMaso. She has been working for the company for 11 years. She has worked in a number of different capacities for the company in the Northeast region, including in their restaurants. She has been working at this location for the past 3 months.

The Board reviewed the application and supporting documentation.

MOTION: all papers being in good order, Jim Liacos made a motion to approve the amendment application for change of manager for Nordstrom Café Bistro at the Northshore Mall. The change of manager to be from Kimberly Rasmussen to Olga DiMaso; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Barry Sinewitz:	Yes
	Jim Liacos	Yes
	Fred Murtagh	Yes

Whereby the Board directed the clerk/secretary to prepare and submit the LLA Certification to the ABCC for final approval.

Barry Sinewitz asked the clerk to remind Attorney Jack Keilty to send along the poilice and procedures established at the Cabaret at the request of the Board.

There being no further business before the Board,

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting made by Jim Liacos; seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved.

Whereby the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryl Ann McCarthy

Darryl Ann McCarthy, Clerk/Recording Secretary

DATED: December 12, 2022